

## *School-2-School Visitation Program*

The school visitation program, or School-2-School (S2S), provides a framework, contacts, planning resources, and guidelines for SIFI schools who wish to conduct an inter-school visitation for the purpose of improving student achievement.

S2S provides support for school visitations for both the visiting and hosting schools. Support includes assistance in planning the visitation, selecting and making arrangements with the host site, and in de-briefing the visitation.

DPI will support schools by providing financial reimbursement for hiring substitute teachers, materials, transportation, and other costs related to the visitation.

Sites that are identified as Host Sites will receive support as well from DPI.

## *A Typical Visitation Schedule*

Each S2S visitation will be a unique experience of curricular content, instructional techniques, and faculty observations for those involved. The planned visitations will each focus on specific areas that have been defined by the school and its staff as being important to improving student achievement at that school.

A schedule for a typical visitation might look like this ...

8:15 AM	Arrive at the host school
8:30 AM	Orientation
9:00 AM	Visit instructional areas on a 30 or 45 minute rotation
11:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Continue visitation
2:00 PM	Exit conference Principal
2:30 PM	Departure for home school



## *The S2S Website*

DPI has created a website to assist both the visiting and hosting schools. The website may be found at ....

<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sst/s2s.html> .

Or, you will find it listed under Office of School Support on the DPI Reading and Student Achievement page at ....

<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sst/ssindex.html> .

The website will give you complete details about the S2S program. The site includes detailed guides for conducting a visitation and for hosting one. Documents describing the program are available in PDF format for easy downloading and distribution to school visitation teams or school improvement committees.

The website also lists other online resources that a team could use in preparing to make a visit. These materials will help your team to look at the educational research that supports effective schools.

The webpage also offers an online visitation application form that a team may use to begin the process.

## SELECTED RESOURCES

- The School Improvement Planning Tool by DPI  
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sig/improvement/index.html>
- School Climate Surveys for Students by DPI  
<http://dpi.state.wi.us/sig/improvement/process.html>
- Guiding Questions for Visitations, Architects of Achievement  
<http://www.smallschoolsproject.org/PDFS/visitations.pdf>
- Wisconsin Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS)  
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sig/index.html>
- New Wisconsin Promise Schools – 2005  
[http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2005\\_117.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2005_117.pdf)

To schedule a School-2-School visitation go to the DPI web site at ....

<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sst/s2s.html>

Review the schools that are available for visitations and identify the school(s) that satisfies your purpose.

Fill out the on-line form and submit it to Berland Meyer at DPI ....

([berland.meyer@dpi.state.wi.us](mailto:berland.meyer@dpi.state.wi.us)).

DPI will contact the school(s) you've selected regarding their availability and willingness to host a visit for your school.



## *A School Visitation Project*

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